

Newsletter Highlights

Message from Board
Director, Jennifer

2025 Highlights & 2026
Goals

2026 Membership
Reminder!

Lunch and Learn

2026 Annual General
Meeting

2026 Child and Youth
Care World Conference

Let's Hear from You!

*We respectfully recognize that
the places we work are located
on original lands of
Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree,
Dakota, and Dene peoples, and
on the homeland of the Métis
Nation.*



Happy New Year, Child and Youth Care Workers!

I hope you've taken time to reflect, set goals, and—most importantly—to pat yourselves on the back for the meaningful work you accomplished this past year.

As we welcome 2026 with open hearts, I can't help but reflect on the successful year we've had—the victories, both big and small, and the many learning opportunities we embraced as we continued to dedicate ourselves to children, youth, and families. As an association, we celebrated our 2025 accomplishments and looked ahead with intention as we set our goals for 2026.

With the CYC World Conference fast approaching, I'm reminded of this year's theme: Healing through Connection—a fitting reflection of the work we do as Child and Youth Care Professionals. We thrive and heal through relationship-building and meaningful connection. I encourage you to continue connecting with your colleagues, the association, and all those who dedicate their lives to supporting children, youth, and families.

I look forward to the year ahead, as we continue to celebrate and support the heart work and dedication of the many individuals who strengthen our profession.

Best regards,

Jennifer Lopez
Board Director, Child and Youth Care Workers Association
of Manitoba

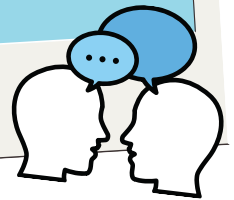
2025 HIGHLIGHTS

OUR KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

Advocacy efforts led to an article being published in the Winnipeg Free Press in August

The CYC Project during CYC Week was a huge success, drawing engagement from local CYCs and CYCs from neighbouring provinces!

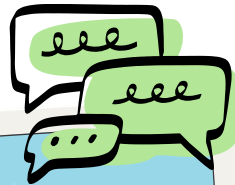
Building strong relationships with the Child Protection Branch



The CYCWAM Award has been reviewed, and its criteria has been adjusted for the successful recipient graduating the CYC Program at Red River College Polytech

Continuous talks and presentations at various agencies and organizations

Strengthening partnerships with MACCP



2026 GOALS

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR GOALS FOR 2026

**Host Lunch
and Learn
Opportunities**



**Adjust and
finalize
processes,
standards and
bylaws of the
association**



**Planning of 2027
Provincial
Conference**



**Honour and
connect with
more
practitioners
during CYC
Week**



**Increase the
number of both
individual and
corporate
memberships**



**Complete more
presentations and
establish
relationships with
more organizations**



**ARE YOU A CYCWAM MEMBER? DO YOU
NEED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?
USE THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW!**



To receive your membership card,
follow the steps below:

- 1) Fill out our application form
- 2) Pay for membership. Receipts will be sent out to our corporate members and available upon request for our individual members.
- 3) Membership cards will be sent out every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

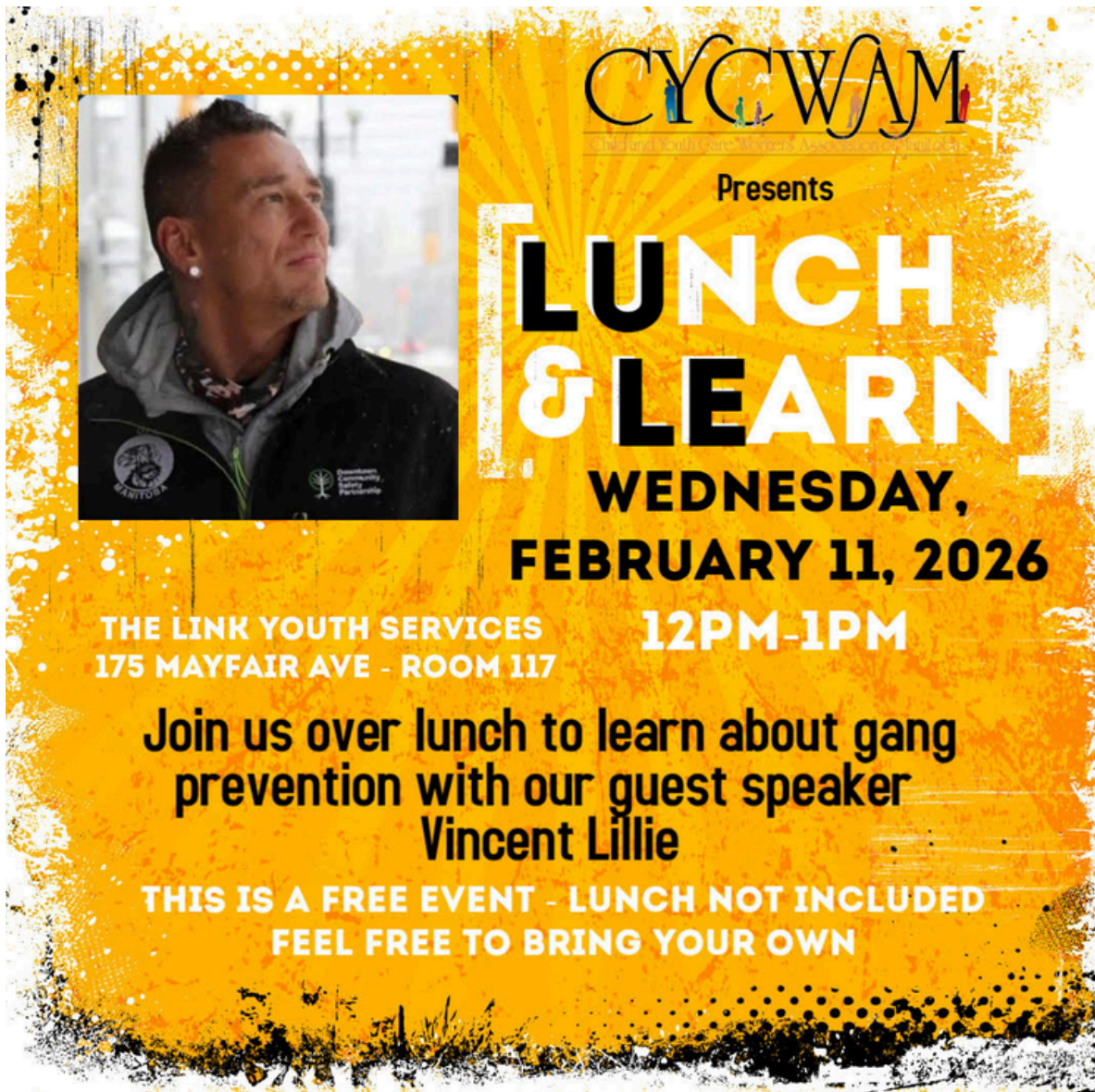
Individual Membership:
\$20
Corporate Membership:
\$300



Payment Options:

E-Transfer: treasurer@cycwam.org

Mail cheque to:
PO Box 33002
Polo Park PO
Winnipeg, MB. R3G 3N4



The poster features a vibrant orange and yellow background with a paint-splatter texture. On the left, there is a portrait of Vincent Lillie, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark jacket with a 'SANTO' patch and a 'Community Partnership' logo. The CYCWAM logo is at the top right, followed by the word 'Presents'. The main title 'LUNCH & LEARN' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, the date and time are listed: 'WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026' and '12PM-1PM'. The location is 'THE LINK YOUTH SERVICES, 175 MAYFAIR AVE - ROOM 117'. The text 'Join us over lunch to learn about gang prevention with our guest speaker Vincent Lillie' is in bold black letters. At the bottom, it says 'THIS IS A FREE EVENT - LUNCH NOT INCLUDED' and 'FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN'.

The Child and Youth Care Workers' Association of Manitoba is proud to announce our very first Lunch and Learn! Join us over at The Link Youth Services on Wednesday, February 11th, from 12pm to 1pm.

We are honoured to announce Vincent Lillie as our guest speaker for the occasion. Vincent is an Indigenous community member with experience as a Gang Prevention Specialist. He prioritizes advocacy for youth and raises awareness for alternatives to gang life through his own compelling story, cultural wisdom and mentorship. We can't wait to learn about such an impactful topic to the work we do with children and youth.

The event is free and open to all staff working in the Child and Youth Care field; this includes frontline staff as well as backbone team members and management. Lunch will not be provided this time, but you are more than welcome to bring your own to enjoy while the presentation is under way.

On behalf of the Child and Youth Care Workers' Association of Manitoba, we can't wait to see you there!



Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026
5-7PM

SELKIRK LOUNGE (Building A)
Red River College Polytech
2055 Notre Dame Ave, Wpg, MB
Food & Drink Provided
Special Guest Speaker to be Announced

RSVP to
info@cycwam.org
by April 1st, 2026

The Child and Youth Care Worker's Association of Manitoba (CYCWAM)
invites you to their 2026 Annual General Meeting.

To R.S.V.P. by April 1st, 2026, use the following link:
[RSVP CYCWAM AGM](#)

The nomination form can be found by clicking on the link below.
[CYCWAM NominationForm 2026](#)

Nominations will be accepted until April 1st, 2026.

HEALING THROUGH CONNECTION

JUNE 24 - 26, 2026

CHILD AND YOUTH CARE
WORLD CONFERENCE

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
CANADA

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Include your story and your name
or indicate if you want to remain
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